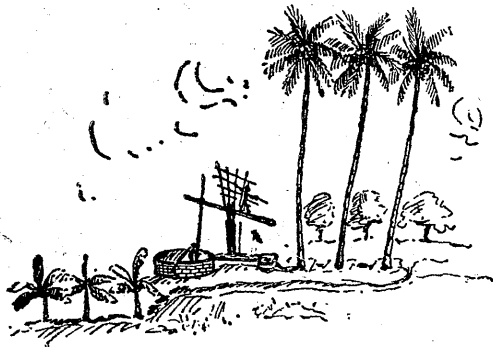
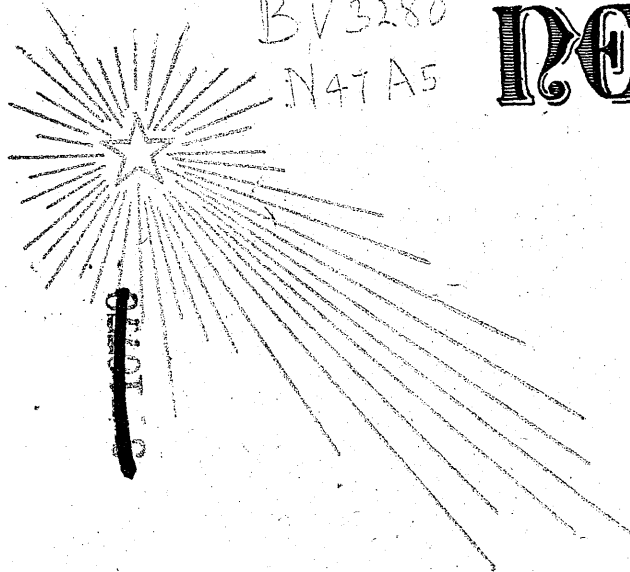


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“Shine on, ‘Lone Star!’ The day draws near,
When none shall shine more fair than thou;
Thou, born and nursed in doubt and fear,
Wilt glitter on Immanuel’s brow.”

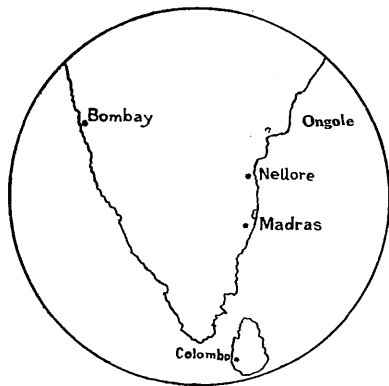
Location and History

Nellore is the capital of the District of that name. It has a population of some 35,000, mostly Telugus, but with a considerable number of Tamils and Mohammedans. It is situated on the Pennar River and the Madras and Calcutta Railway, 108 miles north of Madras, and 15 miles from the Bay of Bengal.

The Nellore District originally had an area of 8,761 square miles and a population of about 1,500,000. But in 1904 a considerable portion on the north was cut off and joined to the Guntur District. This took Ongole out of the Nellore District.

In 1840 Mr. Day, the founder of the mission, after three years in Vizagapatam and Madras, decided that Nellore was the place for our Telugu Mission. He accordingly resigned his pastorate in Madras and removed to Nellore. He secured a plot of land in the very centre of the town and erected a substantial bungalow. He also erected a thatch-covered chapel with a platform in front where he used to sit daily and preach to the passing crowd. Mr. Day saw little fruit of his labors in converts, but he laid good foundations on which others builded. He was succeeded by Dr. Jewett, and Dr. Jewett was succeeded in 1873 by Dr. Downie, who gave forty-two years of his life to Nellore.

In 1874 a terrible flood swept over Nellore carrying away or destroying all the Mission buildings except the bungalow. This seemed like a great calamity, but it paved the way for the splendid buildings that now grace the Nellore compound.



Our Veterans

Dr. and Mrs. Downie, after forty-two years of service in the Nellore station, are now living in Coonoor, one of the South India hill-stations in the Nilgiris, where they still show active interest in the work by their prayers and letters, and by a yearly visit to their old and beloved station



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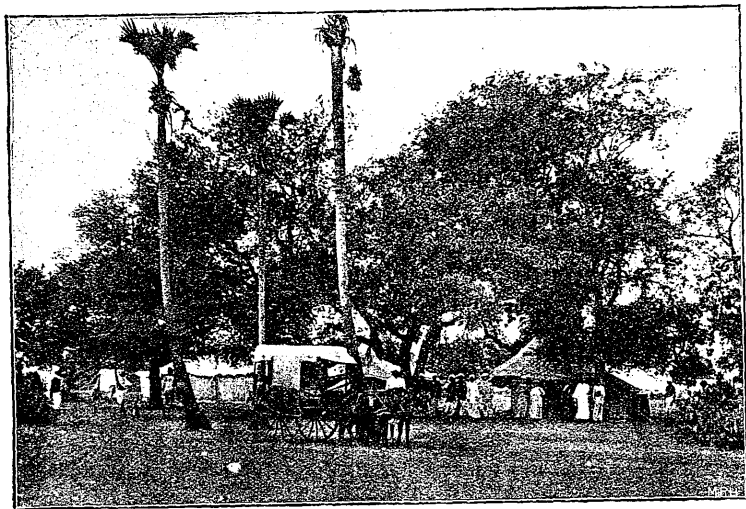
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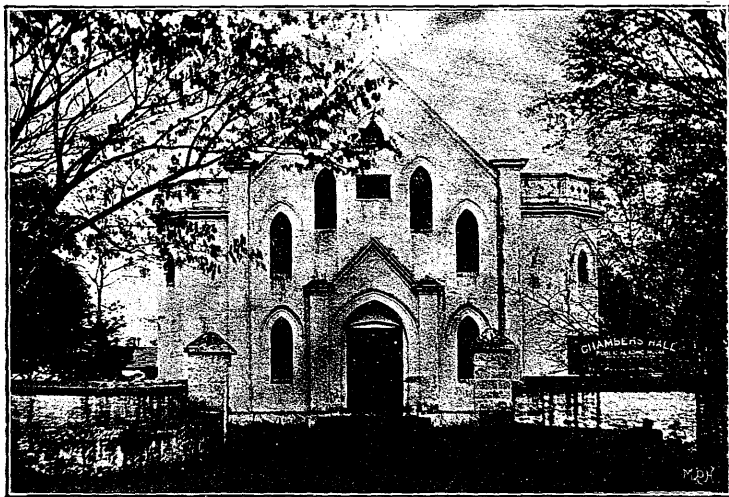




On Tour

Chambers Memorial Hall

Chambers Hall was the gift of Frank R. Chambers, Esq., of the Firm of Rogers Peet & Co., New York, as a memorial to his son. For a number of years we greatly needed a hall for English services. The English people lived in town, too far from the Mission compound to attend services in the Chapel. This need was mentioned to Mr. Chambers one day by Dr. Downie, and some time later, just before Dr. Downie left America, the money for the hall was given him, with the following story by Mr. Chambers :—"Once in my life I went out of my business and invested a thousand dollars in a mill belonging to a friend. My friend recently died, so I sold out my interest in the mill. I am taking out my original investment and will give you the profits for your hall." "A large English-speaking audience worships here on Sunday evenings, while from the bookstore, located in the rear, thousands of religious books, tracts and Bibles are sold and distributed annually. The Public Reading Room, in connection with the Book room receives magazines from both Europe and America, and daily papers published in India."

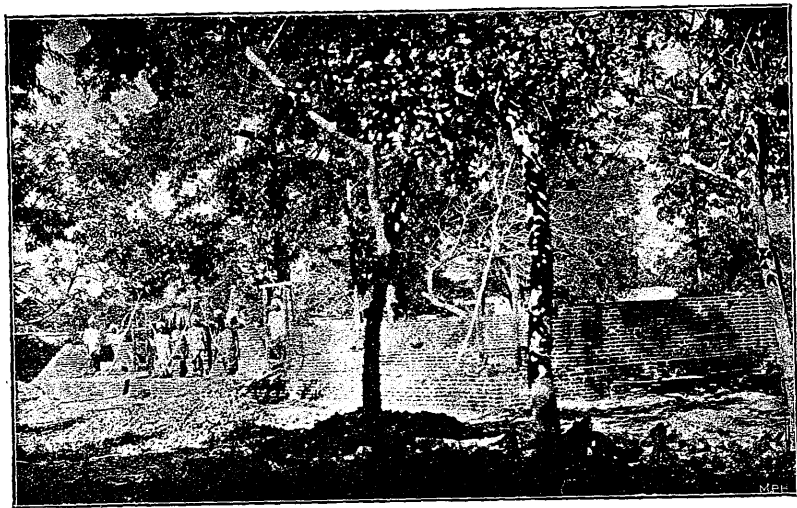


Chambers Memorial Hall

The Training of Evangelistic Workers

OUR BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL FOR WOMEN

In July 1921, the Bible Training School was re-opened in Nellore. For the past year it has been held in temporary quarters, but we are happy to say that the money for the new building has been promised. This picture shows the foundation of the new dormitories laid in 1921.



Foundations of the new Bible Training School Dormitories

Bible Training School Students

This picture shows the Bible Training School students just ready to start out for their Wednesday afternoon practical work in the town. They go out in groups one afternoon each week to visit in the homes in Nellore and nearby villages, with Miss Moran and Miss Brunner and the Bible-women.



Bible Training School Students

More of the Bible Training School

1. The first picture shows a group winding its way through the rice fields on a narrow mud path, to one of the villages which are inaccessible by any road at all. Many of the outcaste villages which one wishes to reach when out on evangelistic tour can be reached only in this way.

2. In the second picture is seen another phase of the evangelistic work. On Sunday afternoons Miss Moran and Miss Brunner hold thirteen simultaneous Sunday Schools for Hindu children in different parts of the town, with the help of the Bible Training School students and the Bible-women. The picture shows two of the student teachers in one of these Sunday Schools with two of the little Hindu pupils.



In the Rice Fields



At Sunday School

The Bible Training School Garden

Industrial work is one of the special features of the Bible Training School. It is encouraged for the sake of self-support, many of the students finding it possible in this way to provide their own clothing and books. This picture shows a corner of the flourishing sweet-potato patch, where students are working after school hours.



In the Bible Training School Garden

Our Hospital Work

Our Mission Hospital work in Nellore is for women and children. It is a large and growing work, and the one through which entrance is most readily made into Hindu and Mohammedan homes.

Our Medical Assistants

The first three girls in our Mission to study medicine are shown on the opposite page. Miss Y. Nandama, (center), was the representative of our Mission at the Jubilee Meetings last year. Miss T. H. Kanthama (left), and Miss Minnie Rangiah (right), have been valuable workers this past year, and have made possible the running of the Hospital with only one American Doctor. These girls had to go to North India for their medical education. Now we have our own Union Woman's Medical School in Vellore. The physical needs of the women of India is great, and can never be met by foreign women. By helping an Indian Christian young woman to get Medical Training one can help much.



Our Medical Assistants

Evangelistic Work in the Hospital

We have two Bible-women connected with our Hospital work. One works with the dispensary patients and follows up our patients in their homes. The other holds daily meetings in the wards and talks with the patients individually. Both the patients and their relatives listen with interest to the Gospel message and many buy Gospels and hymn books which they take with them to their homes. They also enjoy listening to Telugu Christian hymns played on the gramophone. Pray that the seed thus sown may bring forth much fruit.



An Evangelistic Meeting in the Ward

Our Patients

This young wife, only twelve years old, has her baby in her lap. Her husband stands beside her. We have many such cases in the hospital every year. Although India is making great strides in modern ways, child marriage and all the evils that go with it are so bound up in the caste system that few have the courage to break loose. These girl wives need greatly the help that a hospital can give.

Nani

Nani (grandmother) was one of our first patients and has been a faithful friend to us and the hospital throughout the years. Though she has not become openly a Christian she often drops in to our hospital or servants' prayers and listens with interest to all the Gospel teaching. She helps us in many ways, interpreting for Mohammedan patients (about 20% of our out-patients are Mohammedans), encouraging patients who need operations, sometimes staying in the room with them at that time, and in countless ways makes herself valuable. It is a standing joke between us that without her the hospital could not be kept open.



A Twelve-year old Mother



Nani

Our Nurses' Training School

We consider training Indians girls as nurses and mid-wives one of the most important phases of our medical work. In India the work of a nurse is considered very degrading, and at first it was difficult to get our Christian girls to fit themselves for this work. Now they are beginning to understand the beauty of service, and are winning for themselves an honourable name. When they are strong Christians they can do much to commend Christ to their patients, as well as relieve much of physical suffering.



The Nurses Training School

Our School Work

THE KINDERGARTEN

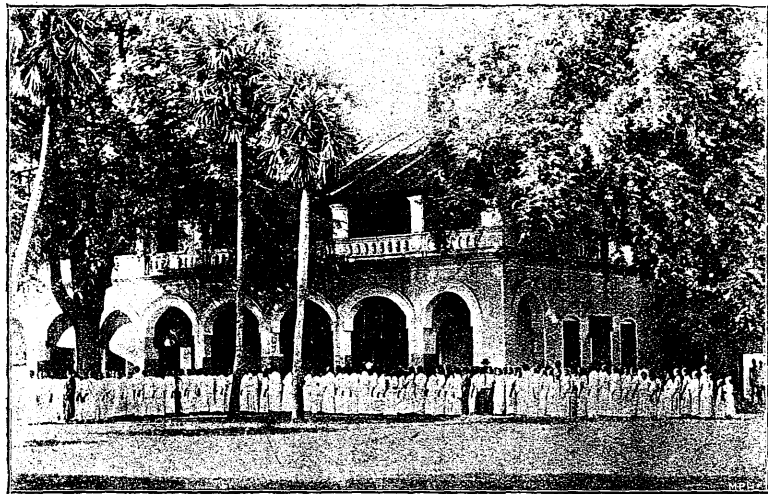
One of our greatest assets for the future is our Kindergarten children. This department is now on a firm basis under a fully trained Kindergartner, and is attracting the attention of all who visit the compound. The children are learning how to play as they did not know before. In this picture they are showing their work of the year on the closing day.



Kindergarten " Kiddies "

The Training School for Mistresses, and the Model School

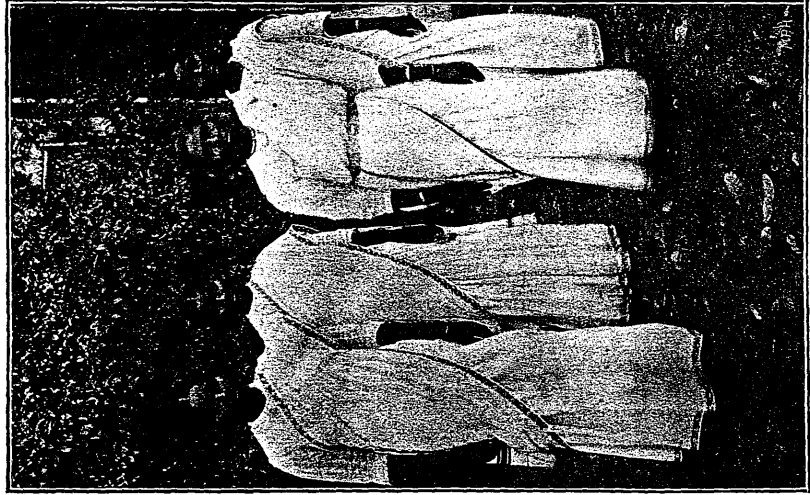
A scene which never grows monotonous or uninspirational is the daily marching of pupils to chapel. We see here the long line of girls winding its way to the Church building, where they meet for prayers before the opening of the school day. The building in the background is the main building of the Training School for Mistresses. The girls are from the Training School, Model School and High School.



Going to Chapel

The Kindergarten Training School

The Kindergarten Training School was opened in 1920. These are the first four Telugu girls in India, so far as we know, to have the privilege of undergoing Kindergarten Normal Training. The two to the right were graduated in 1922, having successfully completed a two years' course of study in the Theory and Practice of Kindergarten. Both are being retained for the Nellore work.



Kindergarten Training Students

Girls' High School

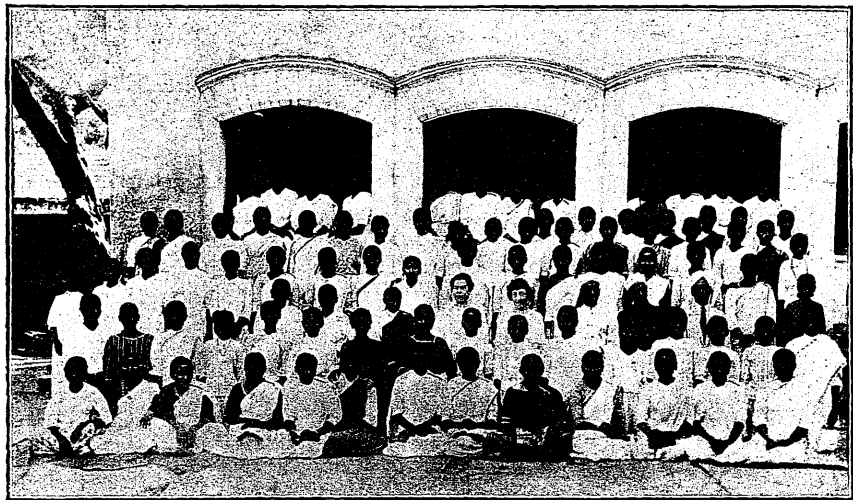
This building is known as the Bucknell Memorial. It has been occupied since 1903 by the High School, which was opened in that year by Miss Frances Tencate. Five years ago a second storey was completed, adding greatly to the comfort and efficiency of the building.



Girls' High School Building

Girls' High School Staff and Pupils

This group consists of the pupils and part of the teaching staff of the Girls' High School. It is the only complete Secondary School for Girls in our Telugu Mission, and has a Boarding Department of sixty-five, from about twenty-five different stations, from Madras north to Berhampore. The school covers the classes from 5th Standard, through VI Form, and the work is principally in English in all the classes. Many have gone out from the school to be trained as teachers and doctors.



Pupils and Teachers of the Girls' High School

The Girl Guides

The Girl Guide Organization is similiar to that of the Camp Fire Girls. It was started in the High School in 1921, by Miss Cornelius, and the girls entered enthusiastically into the spirit of the movement. Their slogan is "Be Prepared," and the aim is to be ready, and able, and willing to lend a helping hand to all. The present Captain is Miss Olive E. Jones, and the Lieutenant, Miss Samson, one of the Indian teachers.



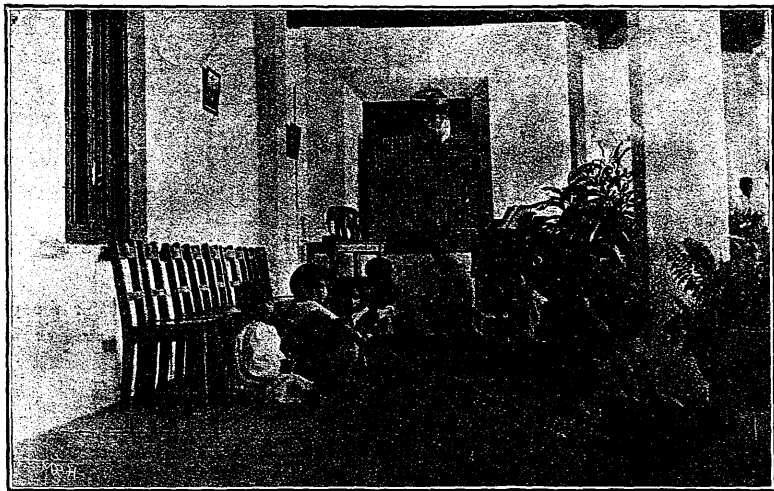
Nellore Girls' High School Guides

Durgamette Verandah School

KINDERGARTEN PERIOD

Wouldn't you like to be a pupil in our Fresh Air School, and work to the music of a song bird?

With a Sunday School every Sunday afternoon, this school fills a large place in the lives of the little people of a nearby palem. Daily the seeds of love and truth are being sown in young hearts. Will you help us to continue?



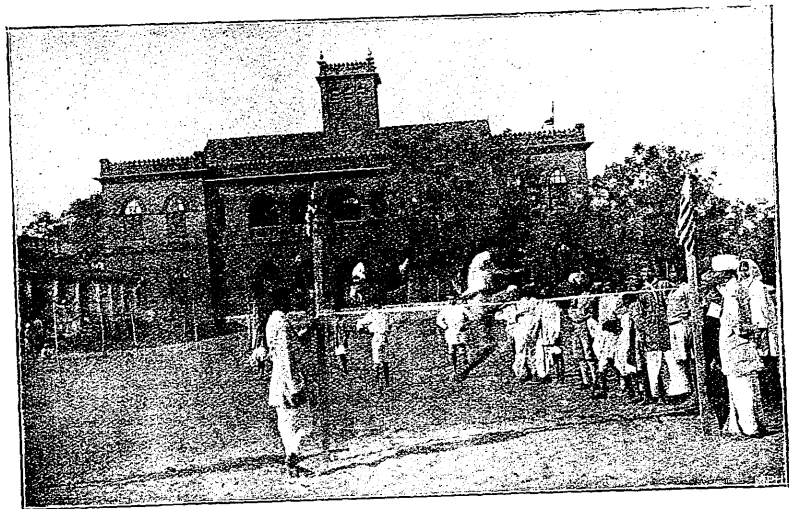
Durgamette Verandah School

The Coles Ackerman Memorial High School

This is an up-to-date High School for Boys. It has at present 350 students, and a staff of 25 teachers. The School begins with the Third Standard (grade), and completes the High School course, preparing students for college. It is housed in four large buildings, the main building of which is a gift from Dr. Coles of New York City.

This picture shows a corner of the Athletic field, with the contest for the prize for high jump in progress. In the background is a rear view of the fine Coles Ackerman Memorial.





Field Day

The Science Hall.

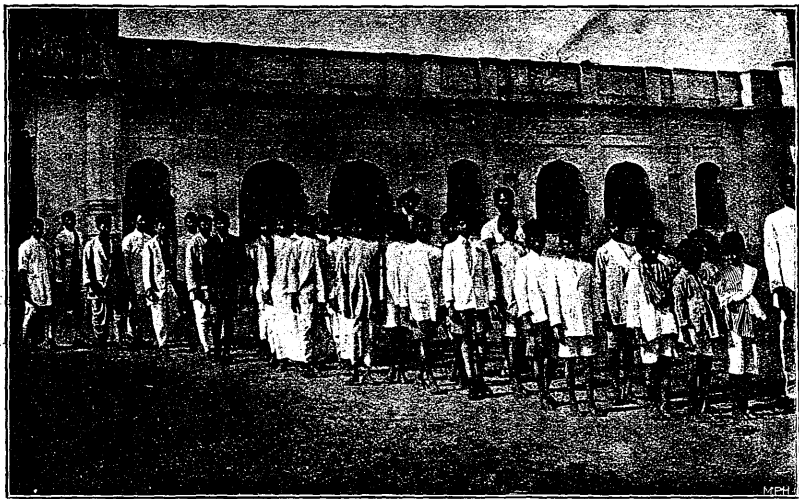
The picture opposite shows the Science Hall. This building is equipped with all the apparatus necessary for the High School course in Physics and Chemistry, and contains a modern class room for the Science classes.



The Science Hall, Coles Ackerman Memorial High School

George Ackerman Memorial Hostel Boys

We see here the group of Christian boys who live in the school starting out for Church on Sunday morning from their Boarding Home, the George Ackerman Memorial.



Hostel Boys Starting for Church

Our Industrial Work

This department of the work is carried on in connection with the Coles-Ackerman Memorial High School, but is a separate work of its own, and employs the full time of a Missionary. At present it is largely agricultural, but development along other lines is planned as soon as financial conditions make it possible.

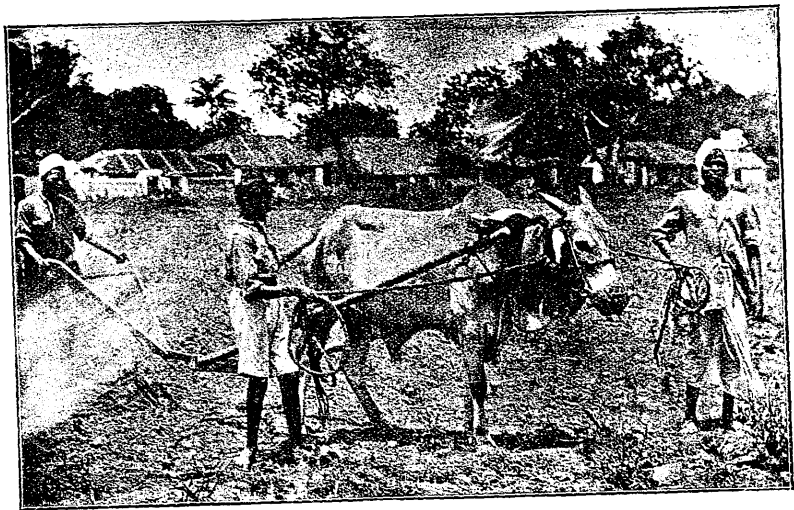
The accompanying picture shows the filling of a silage pit at the High School Farm. Making silage is a new operation for South India. Corn, millets, and sorghums are being used, and "canned food" is useful in the hot season when other green food is not available. The engine is also used to pump water for use in irrigating the School Farm. The wagon shown in the background carries twice the load of an ordinary country cart. Our students get a variety of experience which will be useful whether they become farmers, teachers or preachers.



Filling a Silage Pit, Coles Ackerman Memorial High School Farm

Making Furrows for Planting Seed.

Most of the work done on the school farm is accomplished by students. They learn how to plow, irrigate, plant seed and other necessary operations of agricultural practice. They receive remuneration for this work and this helps to pay their school fees and for their clothes and food. Since commencing the agricultural work, there has been a noticeable improvement in the physique of the boys who are taking this training. We hope that many of our students will become farmers and thereby avail themselves of the opportunity of showing their neighbors how to produce better crops, as well as being witnesses for Christ in their communities.



Making Seed Furrows

An Agricultural Student in his Garden

This is George, one of the older agricultural students, who is enthusiastic over the possibilities of scientific farming in India. When his course is complete, he will show farmers how to raise better crops, as well as preach the Gospel, for which he is well prepared.

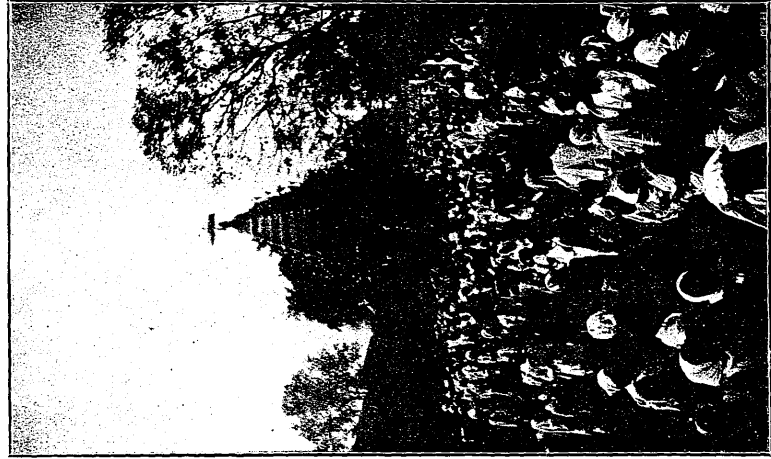


An Agricultural Student in his Roselle Garden

Our Opportunities

Our opportunities for reaching the people are many, but when men have often heard and continually refused to believe, their hearts are often hardened. Greater response to the Christian message is found in the villages among the poor and unlearned than in the towns and among the wealthy and sophisticated, as in the day when the Apostle Paul himself also found that "not many wise, not many mighty, not many noble" were ready to hear and believe. Probably the greatest opportunity of the whole year for reaching the crowds in the town of Nellore is the Car Festival, when the big Juggernaut Car is pulled through one of the Brahmin streets from the temple by the priests and other devout worshippers, and thousands crowd near to break a cocoanut on its wheels, so that their prayers may be heard for another year.

This year two of the Ford cars in the station were used in the crowd as centers for selling Christian literature to the worshippers, and some hundreds were sold. Who can tell how far the influence will go? "My word shall not return unto Me void."



Juggernaut Car Festival



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